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SUBJECT: Review of Special Material Relating to Rosenberg Case (U)

TO: D/DIR

1. (U) On 21 May I reviewed subject material per your request.

2. ~~(TSC)~~ As a result of this review, it is my opinion that we should not release this material because of the following:

a. The release of this SIGINT, derived from Soviet intercept, could set an undesirable precedent.

b. It was obviously published as end-product by the British Government (GCHQ), and as such cannot be unilaterally declassified by the U.S.

c. Information contained in these reports involve other countries, and its release could prove embarrassing to the U.S.

d. Dates included on material show current exploitation by A Group.

e. Certain of the agents revealed in this material may still be under observation.

f. There are Privacy Act considerations.

g. Even though articles have been written on this subject no official public Goverment confirmation has been made.

3. ~~(S-CCO)~~ If, in spite of the above considerations, a decision is made to release this material it could be sanitized using the SEC DEF approved declassification guidelines, which involve such things as:

a. Concurrence of British Government to sanitize this material and agreement on procedures to be followed.

b. Removal of all British footprints.

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c. Deletion of agents names as appropriate.

d. Removal of COMINT codewords.

e. Protection of COMINT sources and methods.

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